

CAL YMCA ELECTS
NEGRO STUDENT PRESIDENT
BERKELEY — A Negro student,
Dwight Harvell, has been elected
student president of the Y.M.C.A.
on the University of California
campus here. *Oct. 7-17-48*

**Dr. Gray On Area
Y.M.C.A. Council**

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Carter Resigns Richmond YMCA Secretaryship

RICHMOND—Matthew G. Carter, executive secretary of the Leigh Street YMCA since 1940, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors, it was announced after the Jan. 6 meeting. Mr. Carter plans to join the staff of the southwest area council of the National Council YMCA with headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

After submitting his resignation, Carter said he has been offered a position on the southwest area council staff of the National Council YMCA. This is a step forward, and I feel somewhat honored to be chosen for the position on the basis of the kind of program we have begun here.

"I believe that the Southwest is one of the great frontiers for Negro leadership in the nation today. The general resourcefulness and independence of the southwestern region is a firm bulwark for persons in strategic places. I made the choice in favor of the national council on the basis of the kind of challenge it offers."

RECORD AT RICHMOND

Referring to his present position, Mr. Carter said: "The challenge of the Leigh Street YMCA, with its generous and conscientious directors who have worked unceasingly in every endeavor undertaken by the association; also the work for the realization of a new building and facilities has enhanced my imagination regarding the enlarged service to young Negro men and boys in Richmond, and has made it very difficult for me to make the decision."

He further stated, "It is my firm belief that the future usefulness of the Leigh Street YMCA will be conditioned largely by the realization of a modern building and facilities that will equal it."

During his period of office as executive secretary, the Leigh Street YMCA has successfully conducted a \$6,000 financial membership campaign to recondition the 140-year-old plant, joined the Richmond Area Community Chest and Council, and established a program of decentralized neighborhood clubhouses to compensate for inadequate facilities, among other projects.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mr. Carter has been closely associated with the Business and Professional Men's Council of the Leigh Street YMCA in the movement to have the City Library opened to Negroes, and the addition to Negro policemen to the force. The Inductee Forum created under his direction, designed to help potential soldiers become adjusted in making the transition from civilian to army life, was used as a pattern for similar forums over the country.

A graduate of Virginia Union University and its school of religion, Mr. Carter has become closely associated with the social welfare movement in Richmond. He is a member of the board of directors of the Richmond Tuberculosis Association; board member of the General Alumni Association, Virginia Union University; secretary, board of trustees for the proposed Negro YM-YWCA building; member of the board of directors, National YMCA Secretaries and Laymen's Conference; vice-president, Richmond Social Workers Roundtable and Richmond Area Group Workers Association, among other activities.

His wife, the former Frances Hill, of Washington, D. C., is a teacher in the Richmond public school system, director of the YM-YWCA Dance Guild, and a member of the committee of management of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA.



MATTHEW G. CARTER

Mrs. Inez Wilson Off to Liberia

NEW YORK (ANP)—Mrs. Inez Wilson, former director of Wake Hall of Washington, sailed for Monrovia, Liberia, Friday. Mrs. Wilson will be the first colored woman to serve on the foreign division of the national board of the YMCA. The appointee will go by the route of Holland and Belgium on her way to the Liberian post.

Mrs. Wilson's appointment is a highly significant one in that the money for service in Monrovia was raised in a "Grand Old World Reconstruction Drive" participated in by women of all nations.

On board to bid Mrs. Wilson bon voyage, were Miss Dorothy Height, National Board, YWCA; Miss Margaret Forsyth, executive secretary of the foreign board, formerly of Teachers college, Columbia University; Eunice Hunton Carter, in whose home Mrs. Wilson was guest, and who recently returned from a trip abroad; Mrs. Louise Cochrane, and Mrs. Ellen Mills Scarbrough of Liberia, who served as consultant and observer to the United Nations at Lake Success.

Gets YMCA Post



Leo B. Marsh of Montclair, N.J., formerly an associate executive of the YMCA, has been made a member of the national council of the YMCA and will serve as executive secretary of the national committee on intercultural and interracial service. The committee replaces the YMCA's former department of work with colored boys and men.

Secretary Says Institutions Must Drop Racial Bars

BY MATTHEW G. CARTER

(Associated Secretary, Southwest Area Council)

The occasion of the 104th anniversary of the YMCA is cause for some reflections. No one can deny that the YMCA has made some distinct contributions to the American way of life. An organization that has survived 104 years with its roots firmly established in more than 75 countries of the world has indicated its creativeness and virility.

However, some reflections on the other side of the ledger would reveal that the "Y" if it expects to remain a vital socio-religious organization, must recapture some of its religious vitality and move progressively toward eliminating its segregated practices where they involve minority groups.

Recently a columnist in describing the work of the Congress on Racial Equality relates the experience of a group from this organization which set out to see what the word "brotherhood" means in the YMCA. The story goes that the group phoned the YMCA in advance to find out if it had any vacant rooms. They were told yes. A Negro was sent in. One look at him and the vacant room had miraculously filled. He left.

A white youth followed. Oh, there was a room. He took it. The Negro returned and asked how come. The clerk did not find his voice until the white youth declared that since the Negro had applied first, he would give him his room. "Oh, no," stammered the clerk, "it's in your name."

More recently in one of the metropolitan cities a Negro who represented his branch association on the metropolitan board of the YMCA resigned because the board emphatically refused to open its cafeteria doors to Negroes.

These incidents describe the policy of the YMCA in many areas where minority groups are concerned. In the light of this problem and in order for it to be true to its purpose, the YMCA must find ways of relating the ethical insights and religious implications of Christianity to pressing social issues confronting the

community, the nation and the world. If religion is to be relevant to the main concerns of life, it must be interpreted in terms of specific social and cultural problems.

Some Progress Being Made

There is another side to the story. Some progress has been made in the area of racial advancement within the YMCA. In a few sections of the country the YMCA has instituted "an open membership policy." Members of minority groups have gradually been integrated into the total program of the association. This has worked both ways—from the branch association's point of view as well as the central association's. All of the YMCA summer schools with the exception of one are open to Negroes. The As-Workers, recently adopted a resolution that all meetings of the association of Secretaries, an organization of YMCA professional AOS and similar professional groups shall be held at such places and under such conditions that the complete fellowship can be served without discrimination.

The National Council of YMCA's has adopted and commended resolutions to its constituent groups that would eliminate racial discrimination and having all men, without regard to racial or National origin, share justly and equally, according to merit in the heritage of the YMCA Movement.

This is progress, but no one can deny it has been painfully slow. It has not been as great and it has not moved with the acceleration that the times demand. It has been argued that the autonomy guaranteed local associations has been one of the causes for the YMCA to lag behind other agencies in making advances in racial understanding. Be that as it may, the conditions and the urgencies of the times place upon all associations a compulsion to find the way by which

to represent as fully as may be humanly possible the growing will to brotherhood. When this is done, we can wholeheartedly say that the YMCA in its essential genius is a world wide fellowship dedicated to the task of developing Christian personality and building a Christian society.

College President On

National YMCA Board

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Students Heads New England 'Y' Older Boys Conference

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (A.P.)—George Slocott, a student at Boston Tech high school, was elected president of the New England Older Boys conference of Massachusetts and Rhode Island last week.

More than 450 boys from 81 cities and towns in the two states voted at his election.

Mobilian Elected To Position Of Honor

Mobile, Alabama

Mr. W. O. Powell, executive secretary of the St. Michael and Dear-

born Street YMCA of this city, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Area Council of the Young Men's Christian Association at the annual meeting of Southern District YMCA'S which was held in Atlanta, March 19-20. Mr. Powell is the second member of the Race, and the first employed officer in the Area's YMCA'S serving Colored, ever to be elected to membership on the Southern Area Board. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, was the first Colored layman to serve in this capacity when he was elected in 1946. Both were elected to serve a three-year term.

225 Boys Tour on Special Train As Guests of C. & O.

Special to Journal and Guide

RICHMOND—The first all-Negro group to participate in the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's program of low-cost, educational tours for school children will be 225 members of the Leigh Street YMCA and its Gra-Y Club, Richmond, C. and O. officials announced Monday.

Leaving Richmond on May 5, the group was scheduled to spend three days visiting the University of Virginia and the homes of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe at Charlottesville, Va.; the Ford Motor Company, Ford Rotunda, and Edison Institute Museum at Detroit, Mich.; Windsor, Ont., and Canada; and the C. and O. Shops and Owens-Illinois Glass Company at Huntington, W. Va.

A first-hand story and photo account of this unusual project will be brought to Journal and Guide readers in our next issue through the pen and camera of Editor P. Bernard Young Jr., who was invited by the railroad to accompany the boys on their extensive tour.

REASON FOR TOURS

The tour is the fourteenth in the series originated in October, 1946, by Robert R. Young, C. and O. board chairman, to provide youth in C. and O. territory with an opportunity to travel at nominal cost and learn about American cultures and institutions.

\$23,899.71

Raised In Y

Campaign Here

A goal of nearly \$24,000 was reached here Wednesday evening at the final report-meeting of the Butler Street YMCA Capital Fund Campaign, which marks the formal closing of a three-weeks intensive city-wide campaign to secure \$45,000 among colored Atlantans. In exact figures, the four divisions, including the Army, Navy, Marines and the executive committee reported \$23,899.71. Nearly \$3,000 of this amount was reported at Wednesday night's meeting.

The campaigning, although officially ended, will be continued on a small scale, declared officials Wednesday, thus affording an opportunity to the large number of individuals and groups who made definite commitments to workers to make their contributions. A complete breakdown of the campaign figures by divisions and teams will be printed in a subsequent issue of this paper.

held its sessions at the Luckie St. YMCA. Among the registered delegates from YMCAs serving Negroes were: B. T. Pinkney, Morehouse College, Atlanta; Paul Redden, Covington, Ky.; Carleton L. Lee, Tuskegee Institute; Charles Sherman, Alcorn A. and M. College, Miss.; Richard L. Brock, Asheville, N. C.; and a branch of Morehouse College.

ern Area Council YMCA for three-year terms at the meeting of the Council here, which closed March 20. Dr. Mays was also reelected to membership on the National Council of the YMCA until 1951. The Southern Area Council, which is composed of representatives of all YMCAs in the southern states, except North and South Carolina,

Mays, Powell Elected To Southern YMCA Board

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, incumbent, the Board of Directors of the South-

Winston Douglas, Norfolk, Va.; Charles R. Traugher, Chattanooga, Tenn.; A. F. Dixon, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. A. Coffey, Covington, Ky.; R. S. Stout, Louisville, Ky.; G. T. Channel, Lake Charles, La.; R. E. Jones, Mobile, Ala.; W. S. Douglas, Columbus, Ga.; H. L. Thompson, Augusta; R. S. Smith, Chattanooga; Harold Hodges, Knoxville; Leonard Jackson, Knoxville; Dr. V. H. Powell, Lake Charles, La.; Dr. U. W. Pryce, Lake Charles, La.; L. D. McClennon, Winston-Salem, N. C.; M. A. Fletcher, Shreveport; W. A. Brown, Shreveport; David N. Howell, Atlanta; and Dr. B. E. Mays, Atlanta.

The headline speakers were Dr. John Rustin, well-known minister from Washington, D. C.; James K. Quarry, vice president, Princeton University; Dr. Ralph W. Lloyd, president, Maryville College; and J. A. Urice, National YMCA Board, New York.

Warren R. Cochrane, executive secretary of the Butler St. YMCA, served as recorder for the Hearing around Recruiting and Training of YMCA Personnel, of which Dr. Roy Anderson, North Carolina State College, was chairman.

St. Louis To Get \$51,000 YMCA

ST. LOUIS — (NNPA) — Construction of a new colored YMCA building on the southwest corner of Sarah street and Page boulevard here was begun with a ground-breaking ceremony, Tuesday, Aug. 24. The building will cost about \$50,000 and is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

The two story brick structure is planned as the first unit of possibly a larger building. It will have club room, kitchen and a dining hall. Funds were made available through the 'Y's' New Century Youth Fund campaign of 1947.

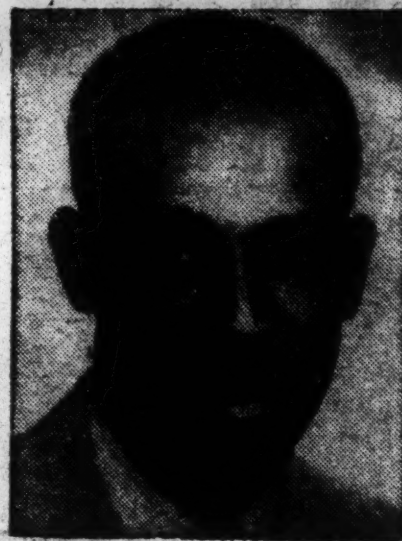
EXCLUSIVE TO THE NEWS

Last Friday, the Columbus and Franklin County Community Chest and a faculty committee representing Ohio State University had cleared the University YMCA of "Communism" charges.

No announcement, to date, has been released as to the identity of the persons or person making the charges of "Communism" against the YMCA. And there has been no word as to whether the investigation found that the accusations were based on "race" rather than on "Communism."

The announcement came after six weeks in which the activities of the YMCA were investigated by both probing groups. The

consensus was: "There is no evidence that its (YMCA) officials and employees are Communists. The University YMCA does not harbor or promote Communism." Members of the Community Chest investigation committee



RUSSELL JONES . . . cleared

were Ralph D. Henderson, chairman, George L. Deegan, Dr. Herschel Nisonger, Robert Weiler and Ben F. Hadley.

University probers included Charles E. McQuigg, dean of the college of engineering, chairman; Bland L. Stradley, university vice president, and Dr. Francis R. Aumann of the department of political science.

UNIVERSITY YMCA has three secretaries. They are Cecil A. Thomas, Russell Jones and Joseph H. Mixer. All three were given clean bills of health by both investigating groups. Mr. Jones is a Negro.

Concerning the trio, the report said:

"There is no evidence that any of the three are Communists, or ever held Communist views, or have been connected in any way with the Communist Party."

The report contended that they are fine Christian gentlemen.

In addition to investigating the YMCA and staff, the probing bodies also revealed that much time and effort was spent in questioning those who brought the charges.

"Charges leveled at the University YMCA," the report said, "were traced to their origin and the proponents of the accusations were given full opportunity to present and to document their assertions."

The report did not reveal the names of the "proponents of the accusations." Those smeared with the Communist brush have been vindicated,

but the persons who resorted to the smear tactics have not been brought out into the open.

It is the contention of many close to the situation that the investigating committees detected a "race angle" as the probable cause for the entire "Communist smear" on the University YMCA and staff.

There is some evidence that the committees heard much from a Dr. William Warner, Ohio State University professor, during the time they were probing the "proponents of the accusations."

THE COMMITTEES are believed to have heard or read the following statements from the proponents:

"The AVC is not active on our campus, thank God. The officers of the PCC (Progressive Citizens Committee), Federalists, Wallace-for-President groups are all inter-locking. They advocate civil liberties, and try to get the Negroes to do foolish things which set back progress immeasurably.

"I myself was a former consultant to Tuskegee (Institute), and I recently had to write the president that I couldn't go and dedicate a new building for which I personally got money from Rockefeller because I am going to Fort Leavenworth."

"There are dozens of these Communist fronts operating in the United States and Ohio and in Columbus. What about the YMCA? What about the YWCA? What about the Urban League? What about the schools, the colleges and the summer camps? What about the Town Meeting of the Air?"

"Are these potential or actual fifth column activities? Let these agencies come clean with regard to what they are up to. They are trying to undermine the integrity of 'we' forthright Americans."

IN CLEARING the University YMCA of Communist charges the committees are believed to have performed only half a job. Many are wondering what were the probers' reactions to the following racist pronouncements, if they heard them?

"... Many of the same people were present as support all these subversive gatherings: Cecil A. Thomas of the Ohio State University YMCA and his Negro-associate, Rev. Russell M. Jones, Rev. Donald R. Timmerman, Orville Jones of the Ohio CIO, Frank S. Barker and Prof. Edgar Dale of the Bureau of Educational Research, who was called before the board of trustees

in 1948 to answer for his activities as motion picture advisor to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

On Feb. 7, 1947, a confidential informant attended the meeting of the American Friends Service Committee for high school students at the YWCA, Columbus, Ohio. The meeting was attended by approximately 75 students, of which about 15

Negro boys and girls. "After the meeting, get-acquainted games were played and several of the group, white and colored mixed, were dancing with music. During the get-acquainted games, the talk became of a familiar nature between the boys and girls."

The purpose of the Friends Service Committee . . . was for the purpose of preaching and practicing 'interracial equality.' A strong affiliation exists at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, at which college members of Friends organized summer camps.

"The camps are attended by both Negro and white boys and girls. All activities such as swimming, dancing, outdoor sports and dating are practiced by the mixed groups."

Concerning the speaker at the meeting the investigating committees probably heard:

He was dubious as to the reaction of the parents should they discover what he was talking about and taking place inter-racially. He also left the impression that parents should be indoctrinated through the same meetings and the same type of propaganda which is being taught the children."

Whether the Community Chest committee and the University committee intend to make public the findings on race baiting, if any, could not be learned as The NEWS went to press.

YMCA SECRETARIES ELECT NEGRO

ESTES PARK, Colo. — President was broken last week when Matthew G. Carter, associate secretary Southwest Area Council YMCA, Dallas, was elected first vice president of the Rocky Mountain Association of Secretaries Summer School and conference.

Since the integration of colored secretaries in YMCA summer schools throughout the country, this is the first time a colored person has been elected to a position with this responsibility. As first vice president, Mr. Carter will serve as chairman of the conference program committee and will work in conjunction with the dean of the summer school in planning the academic course of study. The school offers training in courses in both the accredited and non credit areas for YMCA professional workers.

Before going to Dallas Mr. Carter was formerly executive secretary of the Leigh Street YMCA, Richmond.

\$135,000 YMCA Capital Fund Effort Starts

Campaign Enlists Cooperation Of All Community

In an effort to strengthen and enlarge the scope of its services to meet the threat of juvenile delinquency and to provide greater vocational efficiency, the Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association has set out to secure a Capital Fund of \$135,000. The campaign will get underway about April and will enlist the cooperation of segments of the population, white and colored, youth and adults church and civic leaders.

Warren R. Cochrane, Executive Secretary of the Association, said in Atlanta Saturday that the approaching campaign is the first to be conducted in Atlanta since the original Capital Funds began back in 1917 and that approximately 30 years have passed since the organization has appealed to the Atlanta public for capital funds for replacement and expansion.

The Board of Managers of the Butler Street YMCA last November voted approval of the campaign to be conducted early in 1948 and to thus submit the plan to the Board of Trustees for its study and approval.

WIDE APPEAL

To secure this \$135,000, the Butler Street Y proposes to apply to foundations and interested individuals in the white community, beginning in April. From April 15 to April 30, the YMCA proposes to carry on an intensive campaign among Negro citizens to secure approximately \$45,000, a sum which it seeks from the Negro people.

"The major purpose of the building for Boys," Mr. Cochrane pointed out, "is provide structure in which we can achieve a fairly adequate job with boys and primarily to set up a training course for the teaching of work skills." The plan, said Secretary Cochrane, embraces a close cooperative arrangement with the State Employment Ser-

vice and with Industry. We will attempt to teach simple skills as building maintenance, restaurants and hotel work and for limited number of boys who might benefit from more advanced skills such as wood-work, carpentry, bricklaying, sheet metal work and other trades which would not require too much heavy equipment.

APPORTIONMENT

The Board of Managers has agreed to ask the white community for \$90,000 of the original sum and \$45,000 from the Negro community. When the total sum is in hands, said Mr. Cochrane, "we shall distribute the funds as follows: \$80,000 for the erection of the building, which will adjoin the main Y building; \$25,000 for equipment, \$18,000 for improvement to correct fire hazards in the Main Building, and \$12,000 for normal membership income for operating budget."

Other vital facts on the personnel and course of the campaign will be released in the near future.

Negro YMCA Plans Drive For \$135,000

The Butler Street YMCA, the largest Negro youth-serving agency in the South, will conduct an intensive campaign April 12 through 26 to raise \$135,000 to erect a building for boys and expand the organization's program.

A committee appointed by trustees of the Atlanta YMCA to cooperate in securing the funds includes James C. Malone, George Winship, Julian Harrison, Hal S. Dumas and Russell Bellman.

The Negro committee is comprised of Rogers Henderson, J. R. Wilson, C. A. Scott and J. H. Hanley.

Leaders of the campaign point out that this is the first time in 30 years that the Butler Street "Y" has requested the City of Atlanta for additional capital funds for replacements and expansions.

The money would be spent as follows:

1. \$80,000 for erection of a building for boys on the lot adjoining the main building.
2. \$25,000 for equipment of the building for boys.
3. \$18,000 for improvements and correction of fire hazards in the main building.
4. \$12,000 for operating budget.

The Board of Managers believes it can obtain \$45,000 of the total from the Negro community, leaving \$90,000 to be secured from the white community.

The Butler Street YMCA now serves more than 7,000 boys weekly in six different communities and 32 schools in Fulton, DeKalb and Cobb Counties. More than 600 boys between the ages of 8 and 14 were served last year in four day camps.

This year, the Butler Street "Y" assumed responsibilities for the work with the colored blind. A program of recreation and vocational training is offered approximately 125 blind Negroes.

Warren R. Cochrane, Executive Secretary, summarized: "The Butler Street YMCA is much more than a group work agency since it is called upon to do so many different things. . . . It is the only Negro social service agency with fairly adequate facilities which operates around the clock."

Full Time Health Director Added To Butler Y Staff

The Butler Street YMCA has recently installed several thousand dollars worth of new equipment and nounced today the employment of a full time Health Room Director and a trained physio-therapist, Mr. Theodore Hall, Jr. Mr. Hall comes from 5 years experience in charge of the Health Room Services of the Columbus YMCA. He is a graduate of the College of Swedish Massage, Chicago, Illinois and is a member of the Health Service Operators Society of the YMCA's of America.

In addition the General Secretary of the Butler Street YMCA announced today that the Health Room Services would be available to all members and friends of the Association with one full treatment given without vigorous massage with the use of electric cabinet baths, salt rubs and vigorous massage with the use of electric therapy for special treatments for sprains, sore muscles or partial paralysis.

Beginning July 15th, the Health Room Services are opened daily Monday through Friday, from 3 until 10 p. m. These services are also available by special appointment at other hours. A cordial invitation is extended to all men to avail themselves of these services.

In an interview today, the Executive Secretary of the Butler Street YMCA pointed out that Health Room Services are primarily designed for people in good health and reduced to a more simple explanation, the Services are designed to eliminate body poisons and to stimulate circulation and relieve tired muscles through the use of hand and electric massage.

NEW EQUIPMENT

We wonder if this is not something which the churches of the city might properly call to the attention of their members, and if those citizens of unflagging generosity toward every worthy campaign might not note this one and give it assistance? The Butler Street YMCA has a fine record of service and it merits the support of the entire community. Donations should be addressed to the fund, care the YMCA, 22 Butler Street, N. E.

A Campaign With Merit

A campaign is about to fail, and the campaign and its success should be on the hearts and consciences of Atlanta people. The Butler Street YMCA, a separate institution for Negro young men and boys, is making its first appeal to Atlanta in 30 years. The goal of \$135,000 is short of fulfillment. The money is needed to expand the Christian training program by building a separate building for exclusive use of young boys.

The sum asked is not a large one, as building funds go. We are aware of the fact that there are many appeals. It is true, too, that it is not easy for the campaign solicitors to reach those who might give good sums.

AFRICAN LEADERS TO GET Y. M. C. A. AID

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Confusion in Morality Is Found

as Many Villagers Are Drawn

Into the Industrialized Cities

New York, N.Y.

The World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. announced yesterday, through Dr. George Edmund Haynes, consultant for Africa, plans to develop for the African people "an indigenous leadership" to stave off social chaos in new industrial areas of the continent.

Mr. Haynes arrived in this city Tuesday after a three-month stay in Europe. He reported from his office at 347 Madison Avenue a plan to place European and American Negro workers in key centers to further African leadership.

The consultant said the problem facing Africa could be summed up in a statement by leaders of "emancipated" Africa—"you can't get freedom by soap-box oratory."

An American Negro will be chosen for five years of work in Liberia. Tom Kay and Dugald Davidson of Scotland have been assigned to Kenya-Uganda and the Gold Coast, respectively. A Frenchman, Albert LeChevalier, will be assigned to Duala, Cameroons. J. R. Ponsford, an Englishman, will work in South Africa.

Mr. Haynes commented that in Europe most business men agreed on the need for training African workers and business executives, but that few gave thought to the moral needs of the African people.

Shifts from village to industrial city, Mr. Haynes said, had injured the moral fiber of large segments of African workers. This was declared to be important to the European as to the African himself, since ninety-three industrial cities had Negro populations exceeding 20,000 persons.

With the exception of two cities in South Africa, Mr. Haynes related, Europeans rarely numbered more than 10 per cent of the total population. He added that in West Africa, except in the city of Dakar, Negroes were 80 to 95 per cent of the population of all large centers.

The Y. M. C. A. consultant declared that both Catholic and Protestant church leaders were aware of a need for more "practical" Christianity for the Africans, since the post-war movement of entire villages to industrialized areas had torn the people completely from old tribal social controls. Much "rioting" was traced

to milling about of thousands of displaced Africans, without food, shelter and normal communication with the European rulers.

Mr. Haynes reported that "a few agitators have seized upon this situation and have worked the populations to a frenzy," but that at the bottom always was a great social problem created partly by factory work. He deplored industrial leaders who taught mechanical skills without educating workers to the social responsibilities that came with money wages.

Dr. George Haynes

Atlanta, Ga.

Concludes Tour Of Europe For YMCA

6-18-48

LONDON (AP)—Dr. George Edmund Haynes, consultant for Africa for the World's YMCA, boarded a plane here Memorial day enroute to New York, after having completed an inspection tour of YMCA groups and churches in 29 cities on the European continent. Dr. Haynes had just finished a three-month visit in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, England and Scotland, in the interest of YMCA secretaries for key demonstration centers on the African continent.

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As a result of his tour, the national movement of these countries have pledged to support and send trained and experienced YMCA personnel to Africa. Denmark selected one of its best and most experienced men to go to the Belgian Congo. The British councils sent three men, one each to Kenya, East Africa, South Africa and the Gold Coast. The Canadian and U. S. YMCA's decided last fall to send a man to Liberia.

France has dispatched a representative to the French Cameroons.

Last year, Dr. Haynes conducted a survey of 15 African territories for the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A. which has headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York. Dr. Haynes is secretary emeritus of race relations of the Federal Council of Churches of America.

Two Colored Boys Elected By Hi-Y

OXFORD, O.—(ANP)—For the first time in its history, the Fifth National Hi-Y Congress meeting at Miami University elected two Negro youths to office. Kenneth Simmons of Muskogee, Okla., was elected first vice-president, and Harland Randolph of Columbus, O., was elected second vice-president.

The election of these colored young people as officers was not the only Hi-Y democratic activity of the meeting. The group refused to patronize any place that would not serve colored delegates, and colored delegates were integrated in all activities.

Randolph represented the Southwest Area Council YMCA's, and Simmons is the president of the Oklahoma State Older Boys Conference. James Sears of South Bend, Ind., was elected president.

**Negro "Y" Secretary A
First In YMCA Council**

NEWARK — (AP) — William R. Jackson was elected to the National YMCA council in Wilmington setting a precedent as the first Negro member in the history of the council. The National Council of the YMCA determines the policies for the Y's located in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Jackson, who was also the first Negro to become a member of the Newark Board of Education, has been the executive secretary of the Court Street YMCA in Newark for some six years where he has instituted an excellent program for the men and boys of the community.

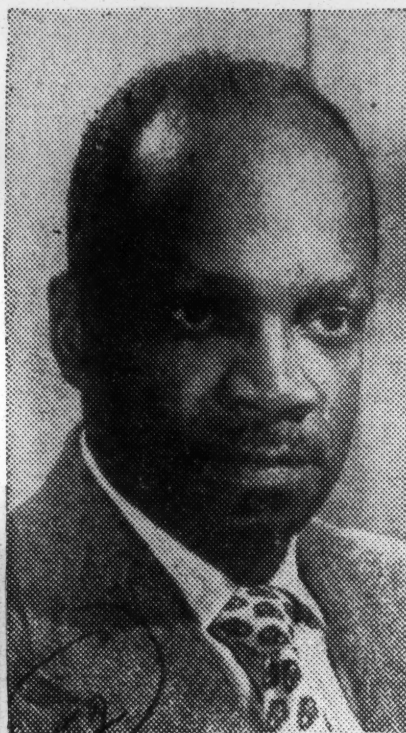
Reception for Anna Hedgeman

BROOKLYN (N N P A) — Mrs. Anna Arnold Hedgeman, former executive secretary of the Ashland Place Branch, YWCA, here was given a reception by several hundred friends at the Central YWCA in recognition of her recent acquisition of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn.

TO COACH HARLEM YOUTH CLUBS BETWEEN SEASONS



Roy Campanella (left) and Jackie Robinson (right) of the Brooklyn Dodgers sign a contract with R. J. Thomas, executive director of the Y. Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday signed contracts to coach boys at the Harlem Y. M. C. A. this winter. R. J. Thomas, executive director of the Harlem Y. M. C. A., made the announcement following a conference with the players at his office, 180 West 114th St. According to Mr. Thomas, Robinson and Campanella will be assigned to the staff of the Boys' Work Department. Their duties will call for leading clubs in indoor baseball, basketball and other activities. "Both Roy and I like this kind of work," Robinson said, "and we will continue through the winter and spring until they are called upon to report to their 1949 training camp. Since both of us have children of our own we are proud to be getting camp."



NEW YORK — Laurence F. Hunt, program director of the Harlem Branch Y. M. C. A., tendered his resignation recently to accept the executive secretaryship of the Twelfth Street Y. M. C. A. in Washington, D. C. He will take over his new post in March to end 22 years of service with the Harlem branch. Cecil Layne photo.

Never Too Young to Fight Bias, Says Boy, 14, Barred by 'Y'

By Louise Mitchell

Renaldo Martin just wanted to join the local "Y" so that he could have some fun with his friends. His application was turned down. The authorities at the Central Queens "Y" don't like his brown skin.

The 14-year-old lad is not one to let others do his fighting for him. When community groups started picketing against the "Y" located at Parsons Boulevard and 89 Avenue, he joined the line.

Dressed in a plaid lumberjacket, the young good-looking boy said the other day he didn't want to go to the Carlton "Y" in Brooklyn to which he had been shunted because it meant he had to make three changes on the subway to get there and he would not be able to be with his friends. Besides, he added, Jimcrow is "no good."

"I don't feel too good about the whole thing," he said, "but neither do the two white boys who came with me and refused to join because they turned me down."

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Renaldo, a junior high school student, wants to be a doctor when he grows up and when he thinks about the discrimination practiced against Negroes in medical school and elsewhere he realizes that his fight has just begun.

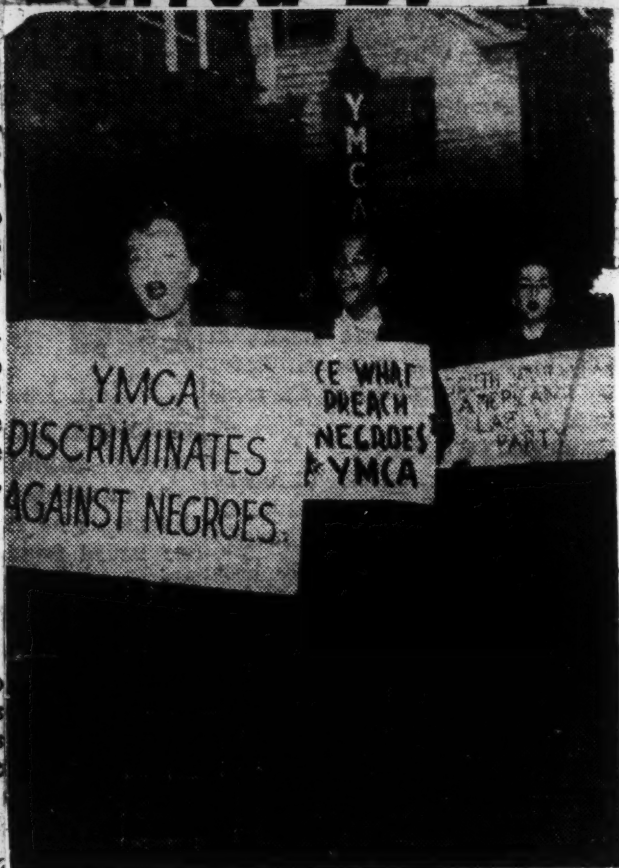
"But I'm prepared for a pretty tough fight," he explains, "and I hope this picket line will soften up the 'Y' authorities."

Renaldo's mother is dead and his father is an invalid suffering from TB. Early in life this handsome boy realized the hard upward pull he faced. A neighbor, Mrs. T. Walker, accompanied him to the "Y." The women who accompanied the other boys were Mrs. Evelyn Cochran, Mrs. Edith Smith and Mrs. Rose Zacker.

One of the daily indignities Renaldo has to face took place when he applied at the "Y" on Oct. 6. Eugene Morris, in charge of the Boys' Work Division, introduced the white boys to the other children in the game room, but ignored Renaldo. The tension in the room forced him to correct his "oversight."

Although the national YMCA policy is formally against segregation, the action of the Jamaica "Y" shows that the local "Y's" decide in such matters.

Eugene Field Scott, general secretary of Brooklyn and Queens "Y's, when queried over the phone yesterday on the Renaldo Martin case, said he "wasn't interested in anything the Daily Worker was interested in." When asked whether this meant he wasn't interested in whether a Negro boy was admitted to the Queens "Y," Scott insisted



Ronaldo Martin, 14, (center) on the picket line before the Queens Central "Y" which refuses to admit him because he is a Negro.

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

he would say nothing to the Daily Worker. When pressed for an answer on whether he was concerned with the Jimcrow policy in the Queens "Y," Scott hung up.

Renaldo told his school teacher, Edward Gottlieb, about the incident and he is preparing to tell his story to the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The local Parent Teachers group is interested in the case.

Picket lines are conducted every Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8 p. m. by the local American Labor Party, Communist Party and Women for Wallace. In the afternoons mothers wheel their baby carriages in front of the "Y" protesting.

James O. Arroll, executive secretary of the Jamaica "Y," maintains that he will not be pressured into making a decision on Renaldo's application and that protests from the community will avail nothing.

The group working for justice in

the case, however, insists that Arroll is violating national "Y" policy and that the institution has a responsibility to the community in which it is located and must be made to recognize the needs and desires of the people—young and old

Mays, Powell Elected To Southern YMCA Board

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, incumbent, and W. O. Powell, executive secretary of the Dearborn Street YMCA, Mobile, Alabama, were elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Area Council YMCA for three-year terms at the meeting of the Council here, which closed March 20. Dr. Mays was also reelected to membership on the National Council of the YMCA until 1951.

The Southern Area Council, which is composed of representatives of all YMCAs in the southern states, except North and South Carolina, held its sessions at the Luckie St. YMCA. Among the registered delegates from YMCAs serving Negroes were: B. T. Pinkney, Mobile, Ala.; Paul Redden, Covington, Ky.; Carleton L. Lee, Tuskegee Institute; Charles Sherman Alcorn A. and M. College, Miss.; Richard L. Brock, Asheville, N. C.; Murray Branch, Morehouse College; Winston Douglas, Norfolk, Va.; Charles R. Traughber, Chattanooga, Tenn.; A. F. Dixon, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. A. Coffey, Covington, Ky.; R. S. Stout, Louisville, Ky.; G. T. Channel, Lake Charles, La.; R. E. Jones, Mobile, Ala.; W. S. Douglas, Columbus, Ga.; H. L. Thompson, Augusta; R. S. Smith, Chattanooga; Harold Hodges, Knoxville; Leonard Jackson, Knoxville; Dr. V. H. Powell, Lake Charles, La.; Dr. U. W. Pryce, Lake Charles, La.; L. D. McClennon, Winston-Salem, N. C.; M. A. Fletcher, Shreveport; W. A. Brown, Shreveport; David N. Howell, Atlanta and Dr. B. E. Mays, Atlanta.

The headline speakers were Dr. John Rustin, well-known minister from Washington, D. C.; James K. Quarry, vice president, Princeton University; Dr. Ralph W. Lloyd, president, Maryville College; and J. A. Urice, National YMCA Board, New York.

Warren R. Cochrane, executive secretary of the Butler St. YMCA, served as recorder for the Hearing around Recruiting and Training of YMCA Personnel, of which Dr. Roy Anderson, North Carolina State College, was chairman.

Houston YMCA Drive Goes Over Top Financially But Falls Down in Members

HOUSTON. — The annual YMCA membership campaign closed last Wednesday night with a big victory dinner. Chairman Hobart T. Taylor, presided. More than 40 workers and special guests attended the affair.

A goal of 1,000 men members was not reached. Only about half that number were re-enlisted by the workers. The goal of 1,500 boy members were surpassed. The financial goal of \$4,500 was oversubscribed to the tune of \$5,087.50. While everyone was happy over the financial results all regretted that many men members did not get on the campaign renewal list. The explanation for this "fall down" in men members was due to the small number of men who volunteered to solicit during the campaign. The men who worked, though small in number, did one of the best jobs ever executed for the YMCA and the chairman exhibited the greatest ability ever witnessed in Houston in the sale of memberships to sustain an activities program.

The school district trophy strove for every year by 3 teams Yates "Lions", Washington "Eagles" and the Wheatley "Wild Cats" was won by the Yates team which raised over \$700 mostly in boy memberships. The team leaders were: Yates, Will Maxwell; Washington, J. R. Alexander and Wheatley, J. R. Cunningham. The Insurance team led by Messrs. O. Prestwood and T. B. Gaillard made an excellent showing. Memberships were greatly increased among Insurance people. The Watchtower Life and the Golden State Mutual led the Insurance contributors with sustaining memberships of \$100 each.

Leading the industrial groups was the Peden Company team led by Daniel Gay and supported by J. H. Alexander, and Clinton Anderson.

P. H. Holden, chairman of the branch and veteran membership salesman, brought in on the last night over 200 members and \$500 in cash. Added to the list of \$100 sustaining memberships are the donors: Dr. John W. Davis, Burkett Motor Company, L. E. Deats, Dr. W. J. Minor. These late contributors brought the total of chairman Taylor's sales of sustaining memberships of \$100 each to 25 in number which is a record never attained by any previous chairman.

All the workers and the Board

of Management" have agreed to continue renewing those men who did not get enrolled before the campaign ended, for the association leadership recognizes that while finance is important and large gifts are appreciated "men" are the real basis of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Among those attending the dinner besides committeemen and workers were: Mrs. Hobart T. Taylor, Dr. Lorenzo Kelly, Mr. Julius White, Mr. M. L. Ward, Mr. Ed McCullough. Caterers for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Smead.